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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government arrange for their training and did they depute them with stipend or salary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

Veterinary College Students

* 84 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report about the misbehaviour of some Veterinary College students with some school girls on 26th August 1962 at Tirukalikundram;

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Basic Education

* 85. Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the system of basic education in the State has been received;

(*b*) if so, the findings of the Committee; and

(*c*) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The report is under examination of the Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Government find it difficult to convert all schools into basic schools within the target period of ten years fixed by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice. The whole question is under examination.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal to take the salient features of the basic education scheme and incorporate them into the present system of primary education?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is exactly the general idea not only with this Government but with the Central Government also.

Compensatory allowance

3-10 p.m. * 86 Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Rameswaram town in the Rameswaram island is considered 'an expensive locality' for the purpose of sanction of local compensatory allowance to Government servants;

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(b) whether the rates of such allowances have been raised since 1—6—1960; 3-10 p.m.

(c) whether such an enhanced allowance is paid to all Government and Local body servants at Rameswaram, including the teachers employed in the District Board High School at Rameswaram; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) The expensive locality allowance is regulated with reference to the average pay of the post of the Government servant and for this puropse, the Government servants have been grouped into dearness allowance with pay, with effect from 1st June 1960, the grades have been regrouped taking into account the average pay with reference to the revised scales of pay.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Sir, will this compensatory allowance be made applicable to elementary school teachers serving in panchayat union schools in Rameswaram? They suffer from non-receipt of the allowance.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have answered 'Yes' to clause (c) of the question.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Do the Panchayat Union elementary school teachers come within the category of local body servants?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKATAVATSALAM : They come within the category of 'local body servants'.

State Seed Farms

*87 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of State Seed Farms opened during the Second Five-Year Plan period;

(b) the number closed down and the number in existence at the end of the Second Plan;

(c) the number, if any, which work at a loss and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any State Seed Farms are proposed to be opened during the Third Five-Year Plan period and if so, the number thereof?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) 225.

(b) No. of farms closed 91

No. of farms in existence at the end of Second Plan period 134